

Proclamation Presented

In Recognition of Peace Day

WHEREAS, the Peace Committee of Honoka'a Honpa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple recognizes *Peace Day* in the State of Hawai'i on September 21, 2011 and the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the United States Peace Corps; and

WHEREAS, the Peace Committee of Honoka'a Honpa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple raises awareness about the 200,000 Peace Corps Volunteers who served during the past 50 years, and the Peace Corps Volunteers still residing in Hawai'i, many in the Hāmākua community on the island of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, the Peace Committee of Honoka'a Honpa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple sponsors events in the month of September to celebrate *Peace Day*, demonstrating unity in the support of peace, compassion and awareness of interdependence; and

WHEREAS, the Peace Committee of Honoka'a Honpa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple will dedicate the 5th Annual Parade and Festival for the United Nations International Day of Peace to all of the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, who have promoted the cherished values of Peace during the past 50 years;

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2011 as

"PEACE DAY"

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to commend the Peace Committee of Honoka'a Honpa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple and all Returned Peace Corps Volunteers for their dedication to improving our communities and 50 years of outstanding achievements.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fourteenth day of September, 2011.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE

Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i